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RESPONSE

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2000 in the above-identified application setting a one-month period for response. Pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) submitted herewith the due date for response is extended to August 12, 2000. This response is therefore timely.

Claims 1-38 are in the application. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among 117 Groups variously directed to polypeptides, polynucleotides, primers/probes and methods of use thereof in therapeutic treatment and diagnosis, each of said Groups apparently representing what the Examiner considers to be a separate and distinct invention.

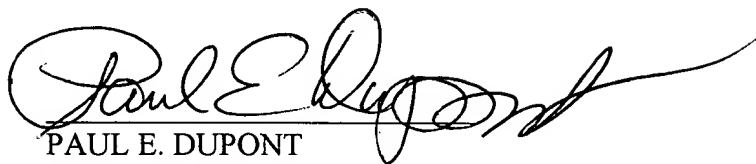
Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the Examiner's Group 3, the polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 6 which is read on by claims 1-6, 25 and 33-36.

Respectfully submitted,

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